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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: RESPONSIBILITY OF ARGENTINE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIP) FOR KIDNAPPING OF GONZALEZ FAMILY 3.3(b)(1)

1. (COMMENT: ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1979 THE "BUENOS AIRES HERALD" REPORTED THAT REGINO ADOLFO G O N Z A L E S, HIS WIFE AND THREE SMALL CHILDREN HAD DISAPPEARED. THE WIFE AND CHILDREN WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR RESIDENCE BY PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE POLICE.)

2. AGENTS OF THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIP - SERVICIO DE INFORMACIONES DEL SERVICIO PENITENCIARIO FEDERAL) PICKED UP THE GONZALEZ FAMILY. THE AGENTS ACTED SOLELY ON THE AUTHORITY OF ALCALDE (WARDEN) S I L B A, FNU, CHIEF OF SIP. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS FURIOUS WITH SILVA WHO COMMITTED A GRAVE ERROR BY KIDNAPPING THE FAMILY, ESPECIALLY AT THE TIME OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS

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COMMISSION (IAHRC) VISIT TO ARGENTINA. SILVA'S ACTION IS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT WHICH AT THIS POINT DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THE PROBLEM.

3. ([redacted] COMMENT: THE SIP IS A SMALL INTELLIGENCE GROUP WHICH IS KNOWN FOR ITS COMPETENCE. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHY SIP PICKED UP THE GONZALEZ FAMILY NOR WHERE THE FAMILY IS BEING HELD. MOST OF THE SECURITY SERVICES INVOLVED IN THE HUNT FOR THE GONZALEZ FAMILY ARE PROBABLY AWARE THAT IT WAS A GOVERNMENT OPERATION.) 3.3(b)(1)

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